

Subj: HFPA 2021 Board of Directors and New Executive Director

During its Annual Membership Meeting yesterday, the Home Fashion Products Association (HFPA) announced their 2021 officers, board of directors and a new Executive Director.

HFPA members elected three new officers; Charles Gaenslan, CEO, Loftex and Jeff Kambak, CEO, US Operations, Trident as co-Vice Presidents, and Prem Katyal, CFO of Royale Linens as Treasurer, and one new director, Jonathan Witmer, President and CEO of Westpoint Home.

“I’m excited to be welcoming Jonathan Witmer to the board of directors, and Charles and Jeff as co-Vice Presidents and Prem as Treasurer” said Jeff Kaufman, HFPA President and President/COO of Avanti Linens. “We are proud of the role we played in providing leadership to all Home Textiles companies through what was a very difficult 2020 and look forward to continuing to be the industry leader and voice for our membership.”

HFPA’s new Executive Director is James Brannigan, an association management account executive at Kellen and Associate Director of the American Society of Journalists and Authors and the New York Society of Association Executives. Brannigan’s term will begin alongside the new slate of officers on January 1st.

The 2021 board will consist of:

- Jeff Kaufman, Avanti Linens, President
- Jeff Kambak, Trident, co-Vice President
- Charles Gaenslan, Loftex, co-Vice President
- Prem Katyal, Royale Linens, Treasurer
- Scott Goldstein, S. Lichtenberg & Co., Secretary
- Jonathan Witmer, Westpoint Home, Board Member
- Sam Glasnapp, Himatsingka, Board Member
- Lou Casali, Pegasus Home Fashion, Board Member
- Spencer Foley, CHF Industries, Board Member
- Nancy Golden, Board Member
- Chris Grassi, Keeco, Board Member
- Russ Holbrook, Standard Fiber, Board Member
- Beth Mack, Hollander Sleep Products, Board Member
- Tom Merriman, Mohawk Home, Board Member
- Andy Petricoff, Indo Count, Board Member
- Blake Ruttenberg, American Textile Company, Board Member
- Chris Mooney, Welspun, Board Member
- Randy Smith, Peking Handcraft, Board Member
- Travis Stier, Down Décor, ADFC Chairman
- Jenny Zhu Cohen, Triangle Home Fashion, Board Member

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About HFPA:

The Home Fashion Products Association (HFPA®) serves to advance the growth of the global home fashion Industry by setting standards for excellence through technical product compliance, advocacy, and awareness efforts. Since 1968, HFPA has been a leading association providing members information, advice, and action on regulations governing U.S. trade policies, and on key state and federal legislative issues. HFPA establishes uniform market dates, and promotes best practice for high product standards in its industry. Members include companies that manufacture, market, or supply for window, bedding, bath, table linens, kitchen textiles, floor and wall coverings, allied products, accessories and services. The HFPA Foundation supports students of home fashion surface design and marketing, and has awarded multiple annual scholarships since 1996. For further information, please contact HFPA headquarters on (212) 297-2122.

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